1	2	3
10.	Krishna	102
11.	Kurnool	197
12.	Mahabubnagar	676
13.	Medak	667
14.	Nalgonda	366
15.	Nellore	263
16.	Nizamabad	403
17.	Prakasam	148
18.	Rangareddy	837
19.	Srikakulam	1253
20.	Vizianagaram	717
21.	Visakhpatnam	2476
22.	West Godavari	174
23.	Warangal	258
	TOTAL:	11914

STD telephone facility for soldiers

†1031. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the facility of STD telephone is available for the benefit of soldiers posted on the borders of the country to talk to their families who safeguard the borders of the country in difficult conditions;

(b) whether they have to spend seventy five rupees for making the STD call;

(c) whether Department of Telecom is aware of these facts; and

(d) if so, whether Department of Telecom is considering to provide them inexpensive STD facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Normal rates are charged for STD calls made by the soldiers. Further, for the benefit of personnel of armed forces as well as paramilitary forces. 1/4th of normal rates are charged from the PCOs operated by them in Kargil, Leh and Nobra Short Distance Charging Areas (SDCAs).

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (b) above.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.